
SEVEN MINUTE SERMON

ON THE GOLDEN TEXT

BY OUR OWN PREACHER

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Lesson: The Death of Moses.—Deuteronomy, 31:1-8; 32:48-52; 34:1-12.
 Golden Text: Precious in the sight of Jehovah is the death of his saints.—Psalm 116:15.

THE DEATH OF A GOOD MAN.

1. Death Completes a Man's Life. Work. God has a plan and purpose in the life of every man, and when that is accomplished he is taken to the better country, nor can it be possible that God permits any good man to die until his life's work is done. Hence it is that the death of his saints is precious in the sight of Jehovah. Moses' life, and work, and death, are I believe, examples of the life, and work, and death of every true man. God planned for the death of Moses the same as he had planned for his life, and received him into the country which is out of sight, with rejoicing. It is our habit to weep when a good man dies, but when we know that God is glad to receive such a man into the deathless life, and to reward him for the work which he has done, we ought to cease our weeping and rejoice with the Heavenly Father. We all have our place to fill and our work to do, and when that is accomplished we shall be taken to the better land. None of us need be afraid that we shall die before we have completed our mission, and we may rest assured that when a saint of the Lord dies that his life work has been completed.

2. Death Finishes the Battle. It is perhaps more in harmony with the literal facts to sum up a man's duty in the word work, but as a matter of fact a large part of this work is of the nature of a battle. We have difficulties to overcome, and foes to conquer from start to finish. The experience of the children of Israel traveling through the wilderness, under the leadership of Moses, is a type of our experience through which we pass in our journey through life. They were beset with difficulties during the entire forty years, from the time they left Egypt, until they entered into the possession of the promised land. They experienced hunger and thirst, they were surrounded by enemies who tried to impede their progress, they were in a continuous battle either against providential hindrances, or the enmity of their foes. One may wonder why God allowed them to wage this constant battle, when he had the power to have given them peace, but no doubt he took the best method possible to develop them as a nation, to train them in watchfulness, industry, and fortitude, and to develop their national spirit. Life is also a continuous battle with each of us; we have fighting without and foes within, we wage a constant battle with the world, the flesh and the devil. In the beginning of life, it is a battle to obtain an education, to learn a trade, or profession, and all through life, with the most of us, it is one constant battle to make a living, hence when a good man dies God rejoices because the battle is ended and the victory won.

3. Death Means Rest. The word death has come to have a doleful sound, and I wish we could coin some other word which would convey the actual meaning of what we call death. So far as God's saints are concerned it is the most glorious experience they have ever passed through; they have ceased from their labors and their works follow them. They have left a land of sickness, sin and sorrow and entered into a country where there is nothing but health, holiness and happiness; they have been working hard and engaged in constant battle, but they have now entered into rest, and peace. They have lived in a country of strife, envy, jealousy and hatred, they have now entered into a land where there is love and happy fellowship. The invitation of Jesus to poor sinners, is, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." The writer of the Hebrews states: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." John, in the Revelation affirms that he heard a voice from heaven saying unto him: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. . . . yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors."

4. Death Is the Gate to Eternity. Life. A saint of God said when the end was very near: "I have been dying for years, now I shall begin to live." A voice from heaven was once heard saying: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death." Heaven to which the good man goes when he dies, is a state of eternal day, a blaze of light and life, where they enjoy the singing of birds and the fragrance of flowers, where all the surroundings are harmonious, and the hearts of the inhabitants are eternally thrilled with blissful emotions to which they were strangers when they lived the earthly life. It is no wonder that God's heart is glad as he welcomes his saints home one by one, to the glory land, to enter into the possession of the rich things that have been prepared for them by him through his infinite love in Jesus Christ. How precious therefore in the sight of Jehovah is the death of his saints, how blessed to the saints themselves! (Copyright, 1913, by E. S. Davidson.)

SUFFERS FROM ATTACK

Girl Too Weak to Try and Identify Suspect.

FOR WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 20.—Dorothy Harber, the 17-year-old girl, who was brutally treated and shorn of her hair when she resisted two robbers at her home Thursday afternoon, was too weak Friday to be permitted to look at Wesley Carpenter, a young farmer, who is held as a suspect. It is believed that the girl can identify the prisoner, as her description of one of the men fits him exactly. Physicians say the girl will recover.

YOUTH FALLS DEAD.
 LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 20.—Harvey Morehouse, 15 years old, fell dead Friday while wrestling with Roy Mikels, 16 years old, at Genesis school house, west of here. The coroner held that the boy died of acute dilation of the heart.

**LAST SURVIVOR
 SENT TO PRISON**

Michael Sage, Who Was a Member of Mollie Mott's Gang, is Sent to House of Correction for a Year.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—The last survivor of Chicago's first fully organized band of criminals who flourished a generation ago under the picturesque Mollie Mott, passed from the stage Friday. Michael Sage, white of hair and showing every one of his 63 years, made no defense against a sentence of one year in the Chicago house of correction. His active days are over, in the opinion of the police, even if he lives out his sentence.

The Mott gang of pickpockets, thieves, burglars, hold-up men and general utility thugs 20 years ago lived the scenes usually found in dime novels and no member of the gang was more resourceful in crime than Sage. Mollie Mott, by her beauty and personality, led the gang and was the cause of more than one affray between jealous followers.

The gang's success bred emulation and other criminals formed themselves into a band known in police annals as the Shevlin gang. The gangs fought the police and each other until Mollie's charge and brought the two tribes under her harmonious scepter. Relentless war with the police, disease and prison cells in the succeeding years broke up the band and its members for the most part are dead or at least passed from the ken of the local police. Sage is the last one they know of and they fear him no more.

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**GEORGE ASSERTS HIS
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Radical Differences in Opinion Between Hostile Factions the Cause, He Says.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—To radical differences of opinion between two hostile factions, Wm. R. George attributed Friday afternoon the recent recommendation of the state board of charities that he be removed from all active participation in the affairs of the George Junior Republic at Freeville, N. Y., founded by him more than ten years ago. Mr. George asserted his innocence of all charges made against him.

"It is maddening," he said, "after having established in the world a reputation for good character and service, to have my name dragged in the mire as a debaucher of womanhood. Those who know me need no reassurance from me that I am perfectly innocent, but my tortures begin in earnest when I think of the tens of thousands of people to whom I have spoken on public platforms and that they may be saying, 'It is true after all that Daddy George is a lying hypocrite and a villain in disguise.'"

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"LITTLE LOST SISTER."
 The presenting of "Little Lost Sister", a "clean" play, widely endorsed by investigators, improvement leagues, and anti-vice societies, has been somewhat hampered through natural confusion with the sensational offerings of certain producers who portrayed vice, vicious dens and vicious men and women, in order to "do" the most sensational thing ever.

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